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THE NEW MENT

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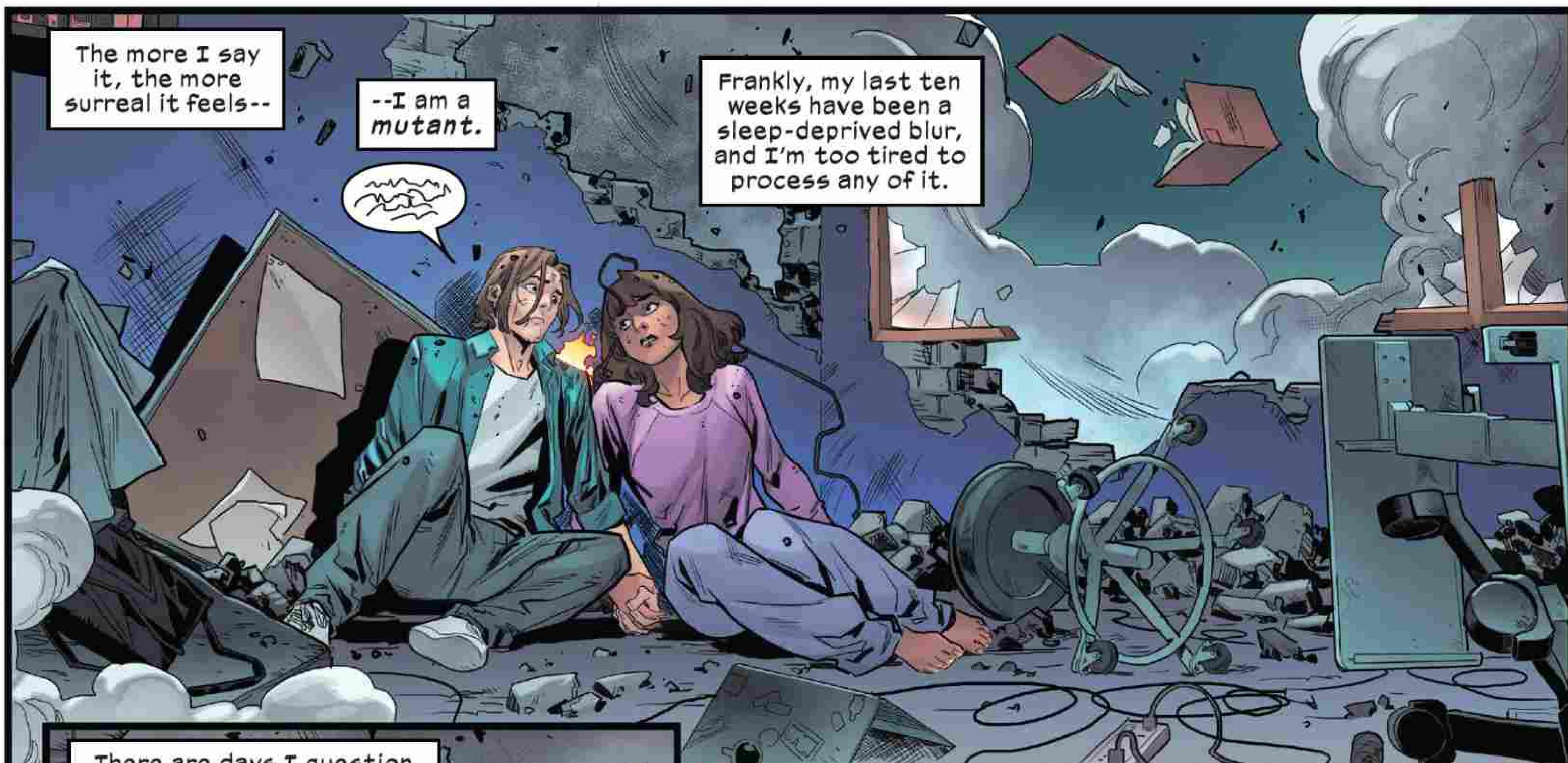
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FALL
OF



VELLANI
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The more I say it, the more surreal it feels--

--I am a mutant.

Frankly, my last ten weeks have been a sleep-deprived blur, and I'm too tired to process any of it.

There are days I question the truth of my own reality, like it's all part of some grand-conspiracy headline...

On those days, I find it helpful to look over my shoulder...

...and should I be greeted with the unflinching stare of a 30-foot tall, death-dealing device, I know, without a shadow of a doubt--

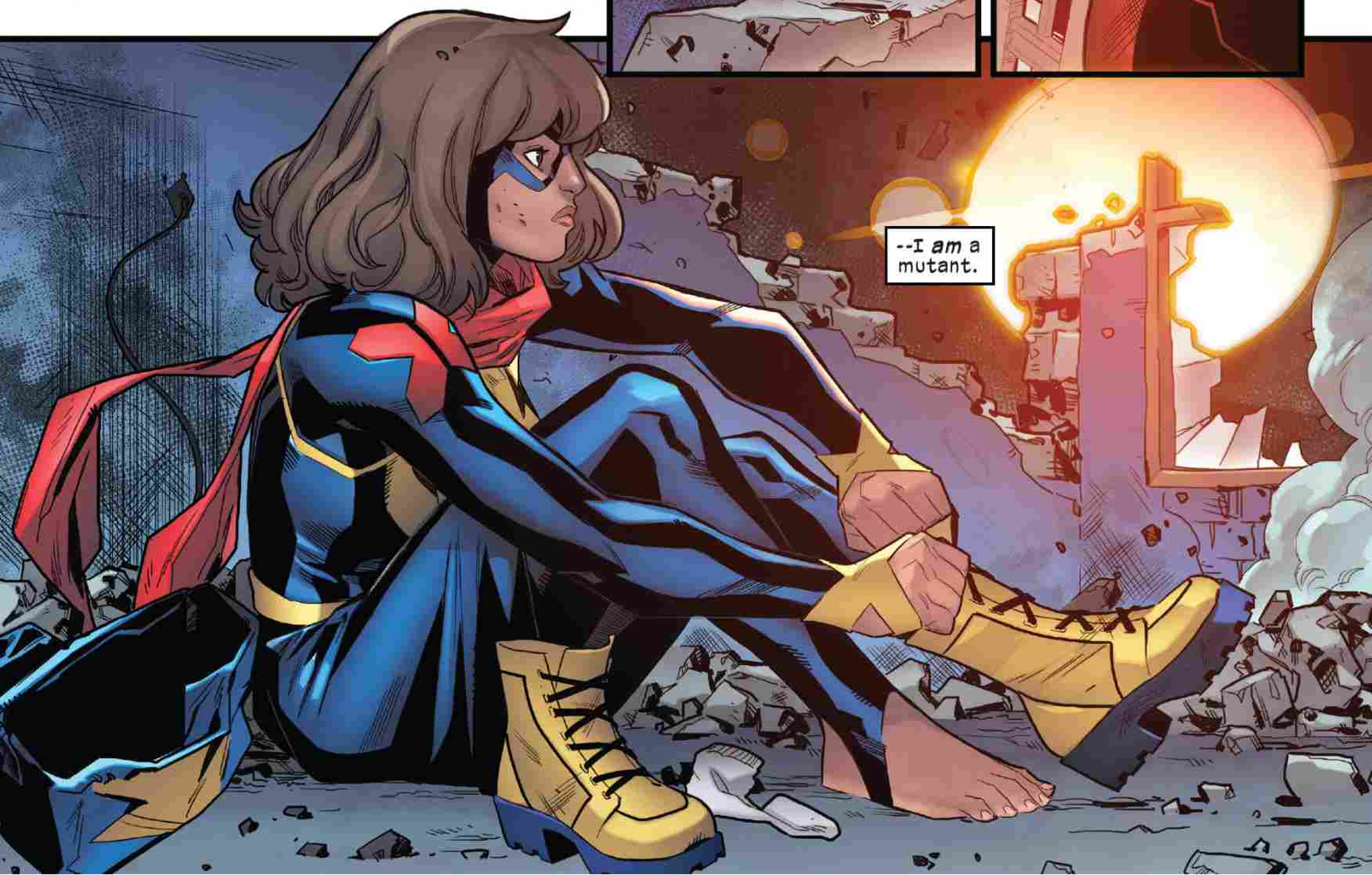


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fire?

..."Ms. Marvel: the New Mutant..."

"...the New Menace to Mankind!"



--I am a mutant.



Am I the one who's dreaming now, or did a beefy *Iron Man* really just try to *unalive* us?!

I'd pinch you, but you're not too far off. That's a *Stark Sentinel*!

My question is, how the hell did Orchis track me down? I destroyed their entire drone army!

Actually... you destroyed all but *one*.

Found this little guy hiding in your scalp while you were in *dreamland*.

From the code I recovered, Orchis was trying to bypass some neural firewall while you slept. We're lucky the *Dream-A-Torium* caught its signal before any real harm was done.

Hmm...



Locating mutant threat...

...Clock's ticking. We're gonna have to debrief later.

Now, how does one take down a mutant-murder bot?

?

tap!



You look like you have an idea.

I have a theory.

Attaboy.



You theorize, I'll entertain the big guy!

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MUTANT DETECTED-- EXTERMINATION IN PROCESS

Kamala has gone undercover to join an Orchis-funded tech program at Empire State University in order to help her fellow X-Men investigate suspicious Orchis activity. However, her investigation has landed her in the crosshairs of Orchis scientist Dr. Nitika Gaiha and Omega Sentinel who attempted to use microscopic drones to infiltrate Kamala’s mind and, ultimately, the X-Men’s telepathic network.

Dr. Gaiha’s plans nearly succeeded before Kamala was able to rally her mental defenses and break free from the drone’s influence -- just in time to wake up to a Stark Sentinel destroying her dorm room!

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2 [BRUNO]
3 [DR. NITIKA GAIHA]
4 [OMEGA SENTINEL]



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“WHAT IT
MEANS TO BE
A MUTANT”

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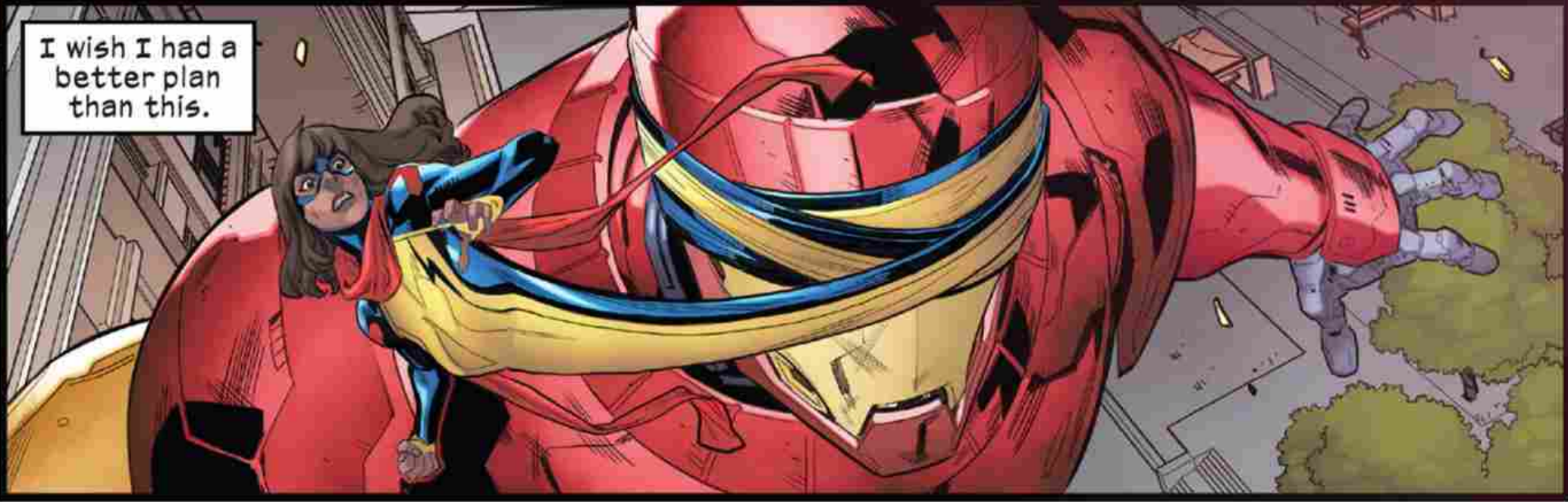
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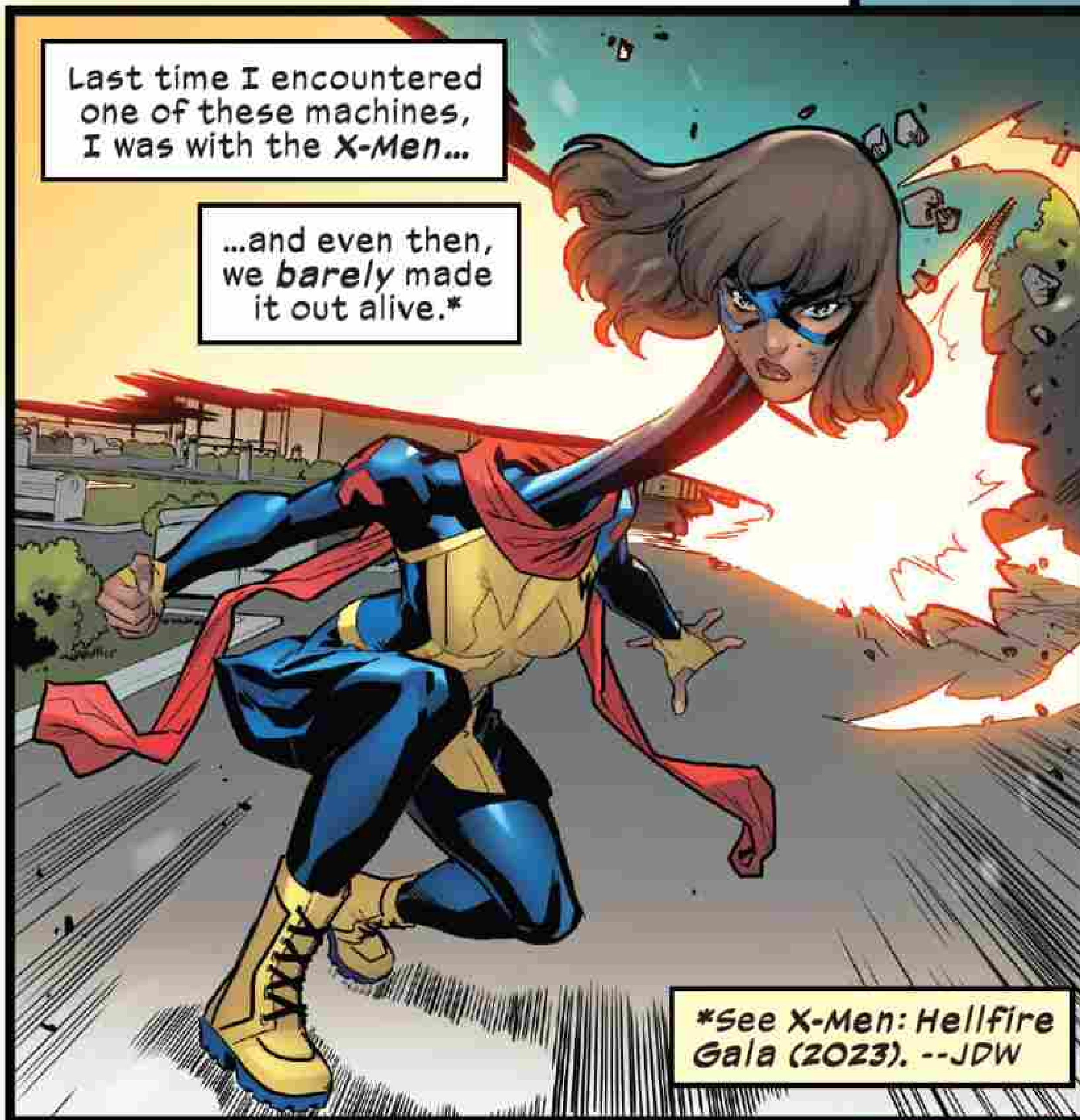
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Last time I encountered one of these machines, I was with the X-Men...

...and even then, we *barely* made it out alive.*

*See X-Men: Hellfire Gala (2023). --JDW



If I ask for help, the X-Men will respond, I know it. But Orchis has already intercepted our comms once, and I can't risk exposing their location.

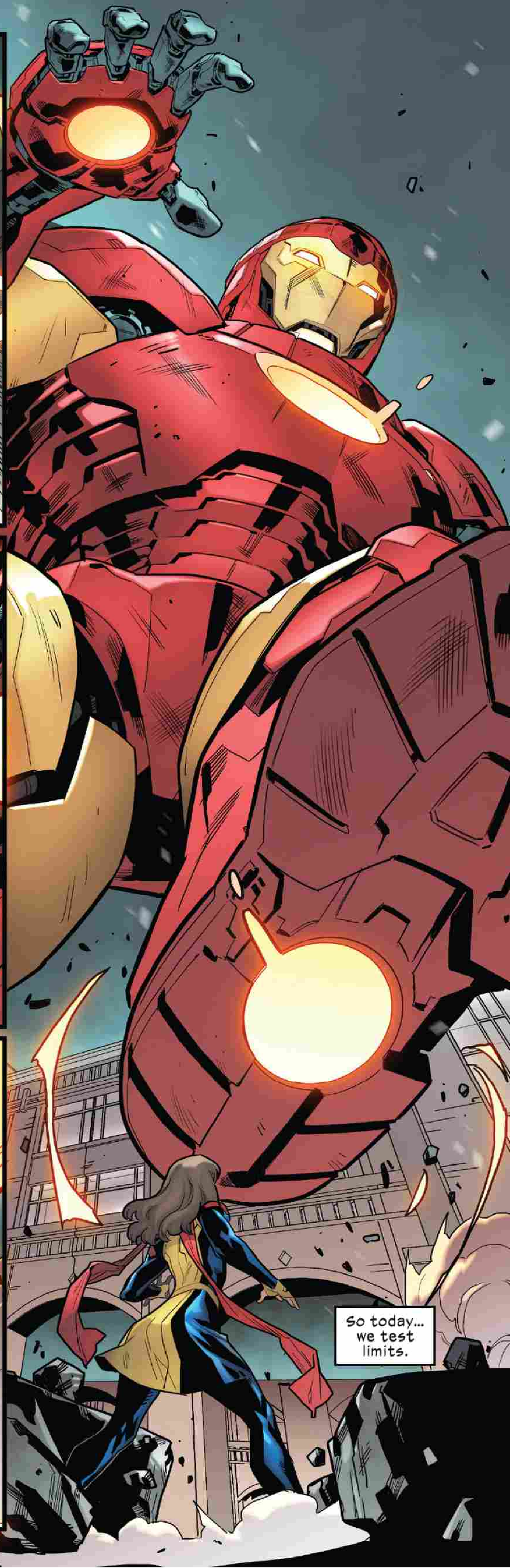
So today, I am *alone*...

...and every decision is *mine* to make.

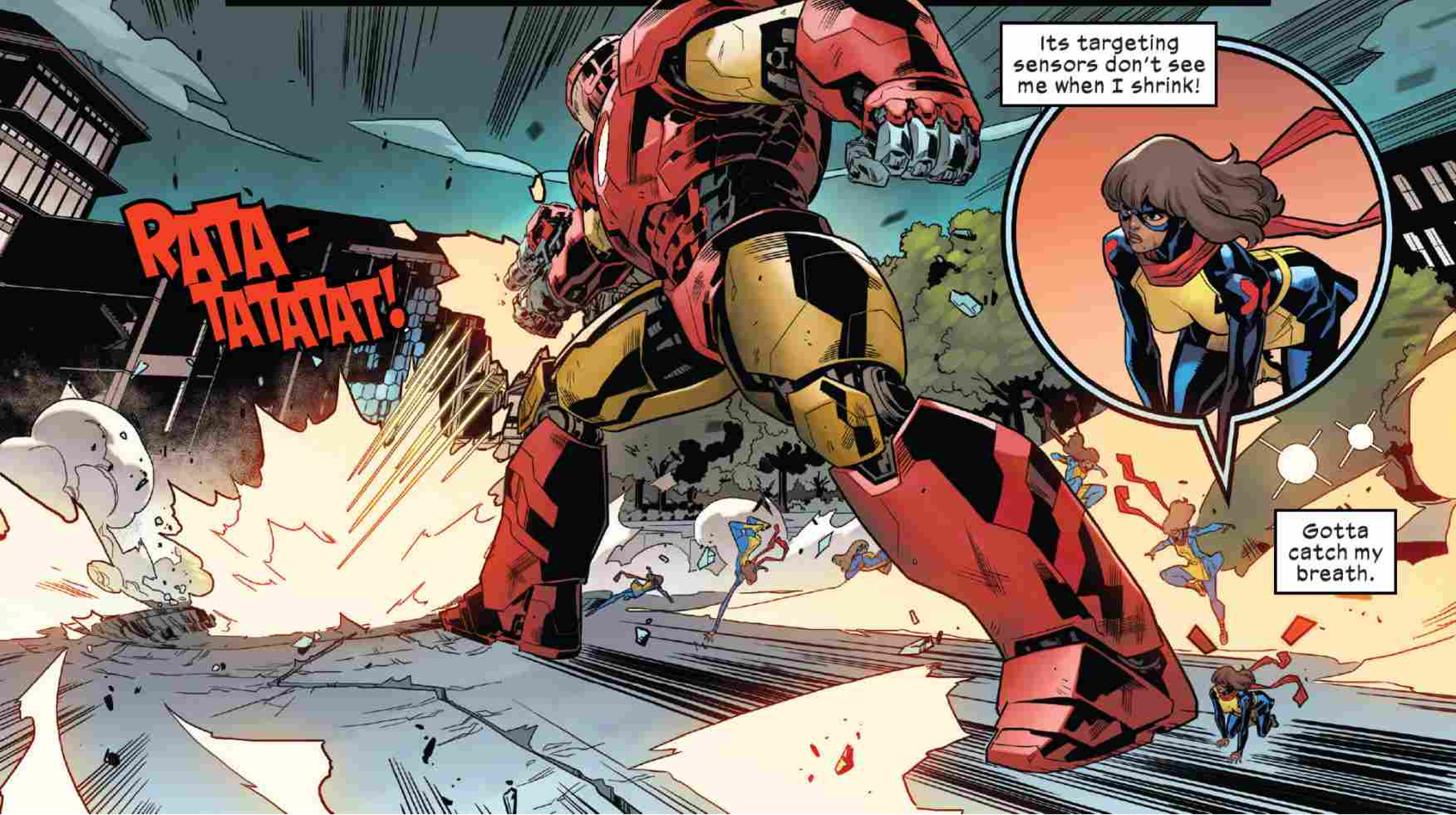
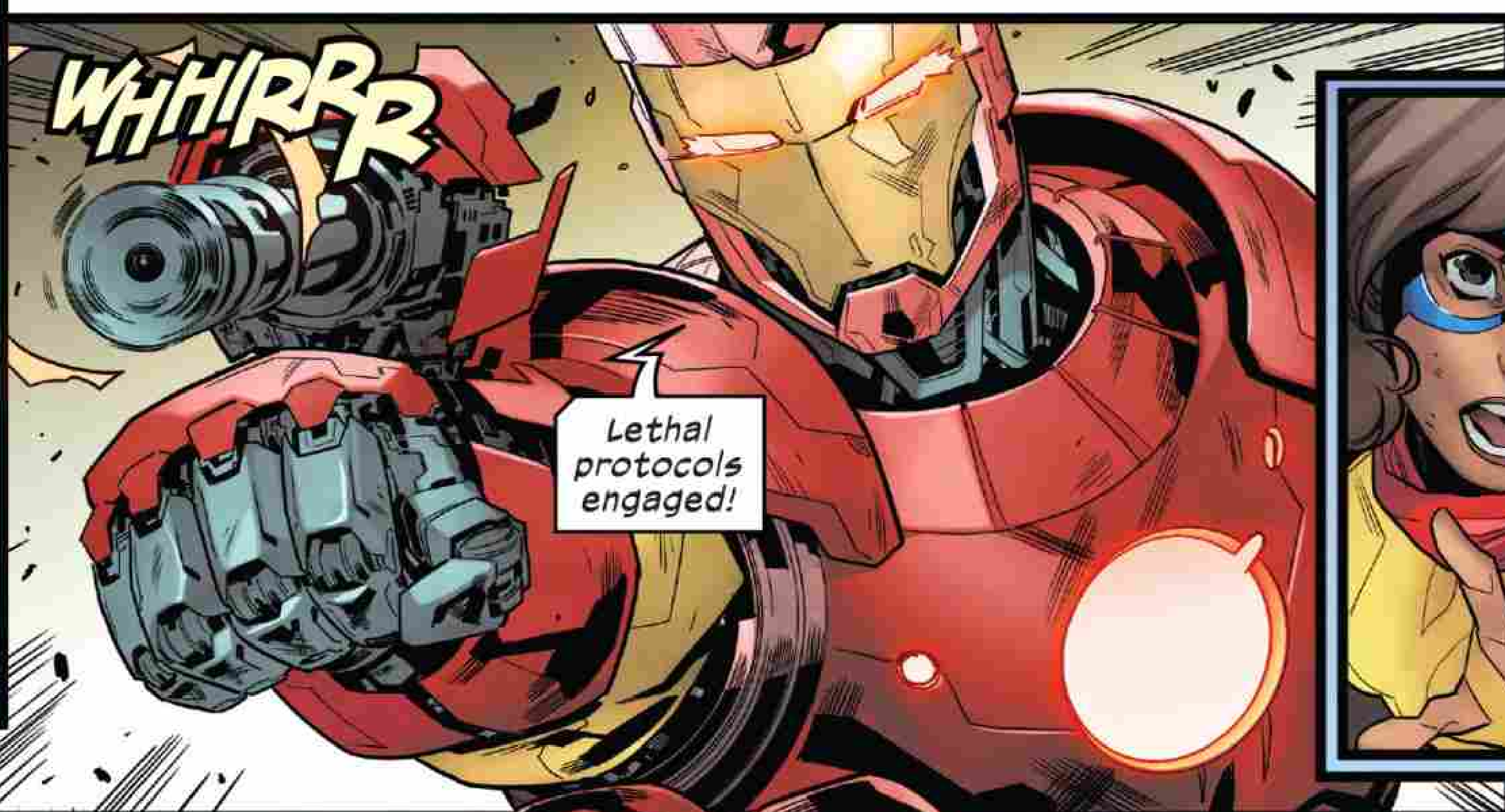
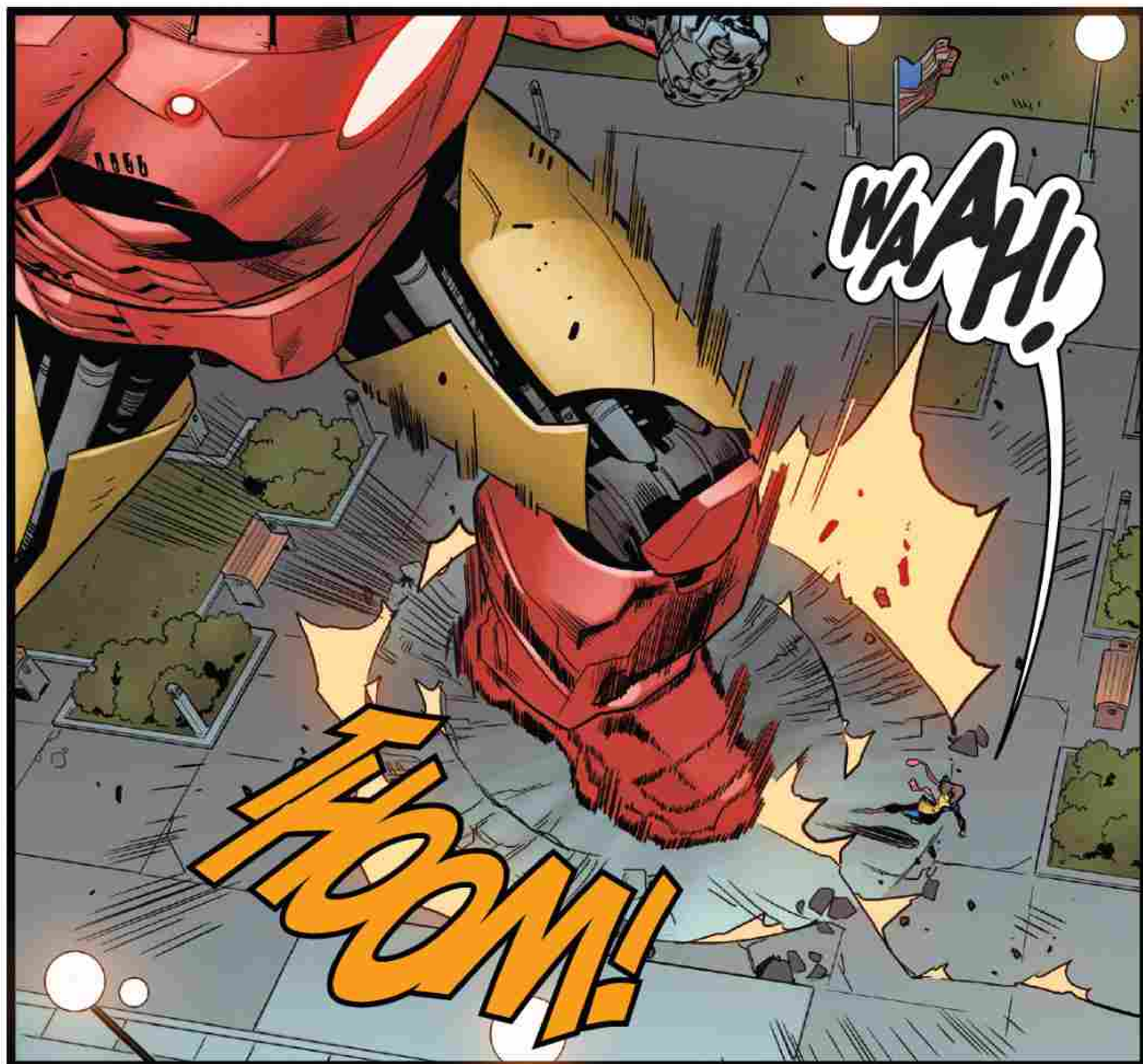


No one to blame, and no one to follow suit.

I am in control.



So today... we test limits.





--All students must evacuate immediately and report to their nearest emergency assembly point!

Michelle!

Bruno? What did you do to my plasma generator?!



I need your help to help Ms. Marvel!

Nuclear fusion is the bane of my existence, but if there's a way to increase the temperature of the plasma, it could, in theory, be strong enough to counter the Sentinel's attacks!

You wanna help Ms. Marvel by creating a mini fusion bomb?

Yes.

Why would you want to help Ms. Marvel?

Yeah, she's a mutant!

She's literally destroying our school!

Mutants are a cancer to soci--

Oh, shut up!



For students who are supposed to represent the "pinnacle of academic excellence," you sound like--like a bunch of parrots!

How can you blindly pass judgment on someone before offering them the chance to prove themselves? If that's really the standard around here, **NONE** of you would even be at this school!



Ms. Marvel is out there putting her *life* on the line! Not because she expects anything in return, but because she has an innate desire to help and protect everyone she can. To use the powers she's been given for a higher purpose!

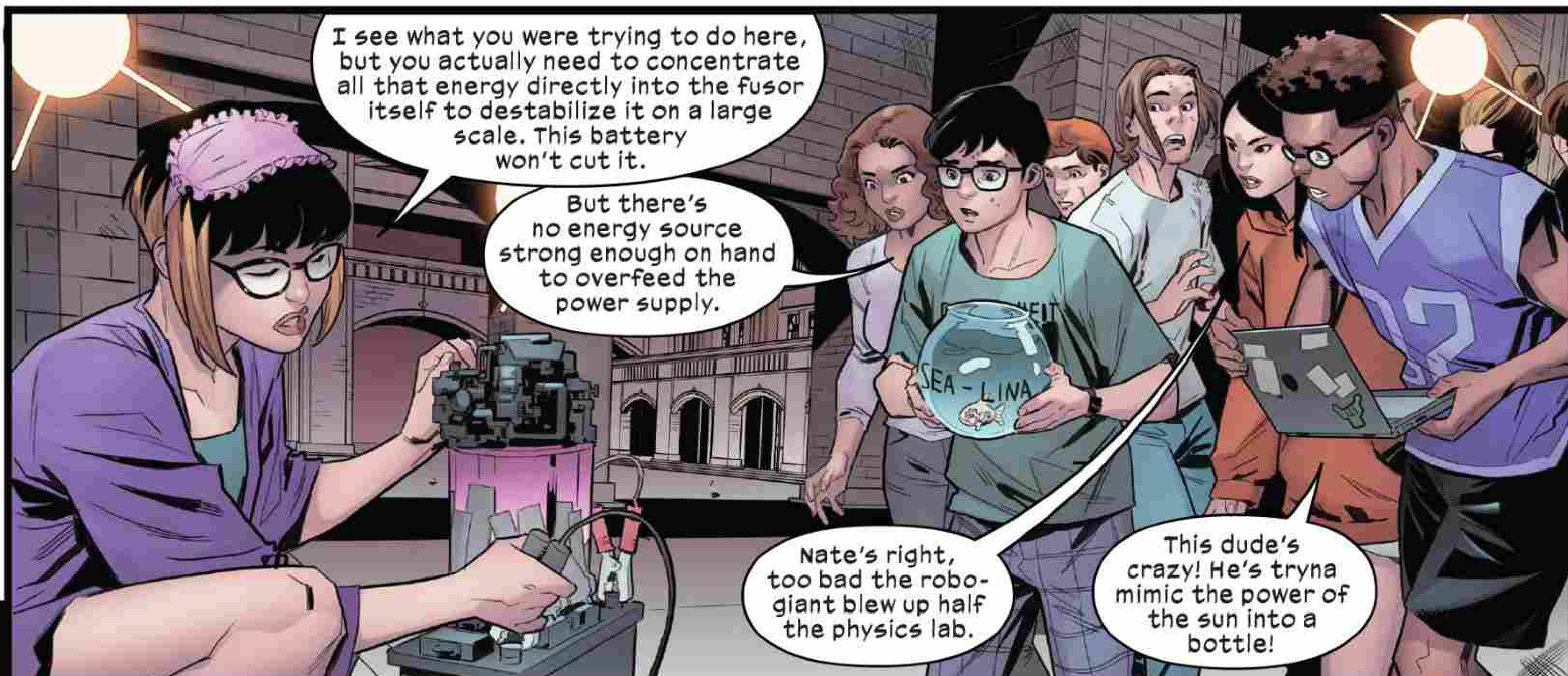
Excelsior, right? That's New York's state motto? Well, our power is our intellect, and I say we use it for a *higher purpose* too!

I guarantee you, helping someone in need feels a lot better than an A-plus.



Please, I just--I don't want to see her get hurt.

...Please.

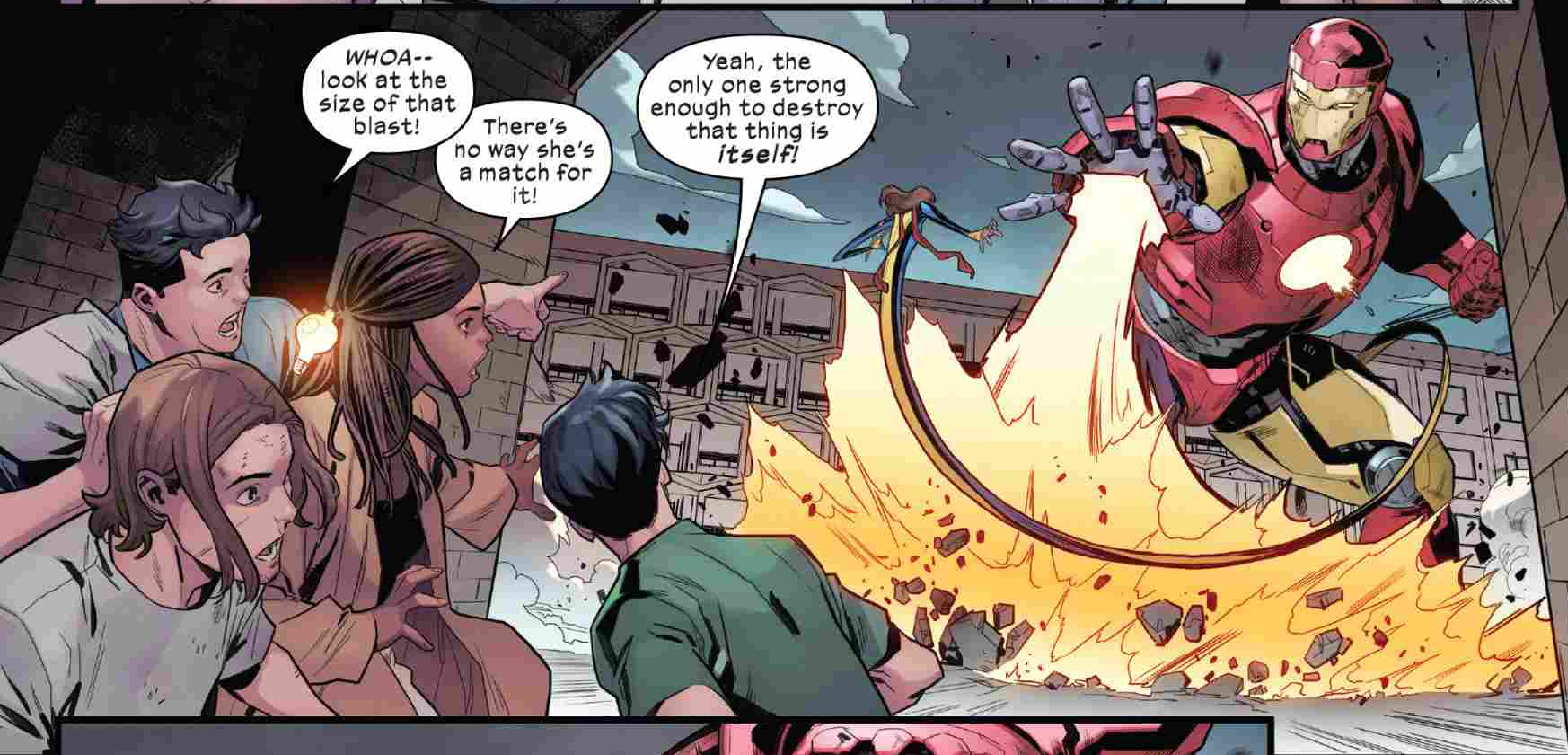


I see what you were trying to do here, but you actually need to concentrate all that energy directly into the fusor itself to destabilize it on a large scale. This battery won't cut it.

But there's no energy source strong enough on hand to overfeed the power supply.

Nate's right, too bad the robo-giant blew up half the physics lab.

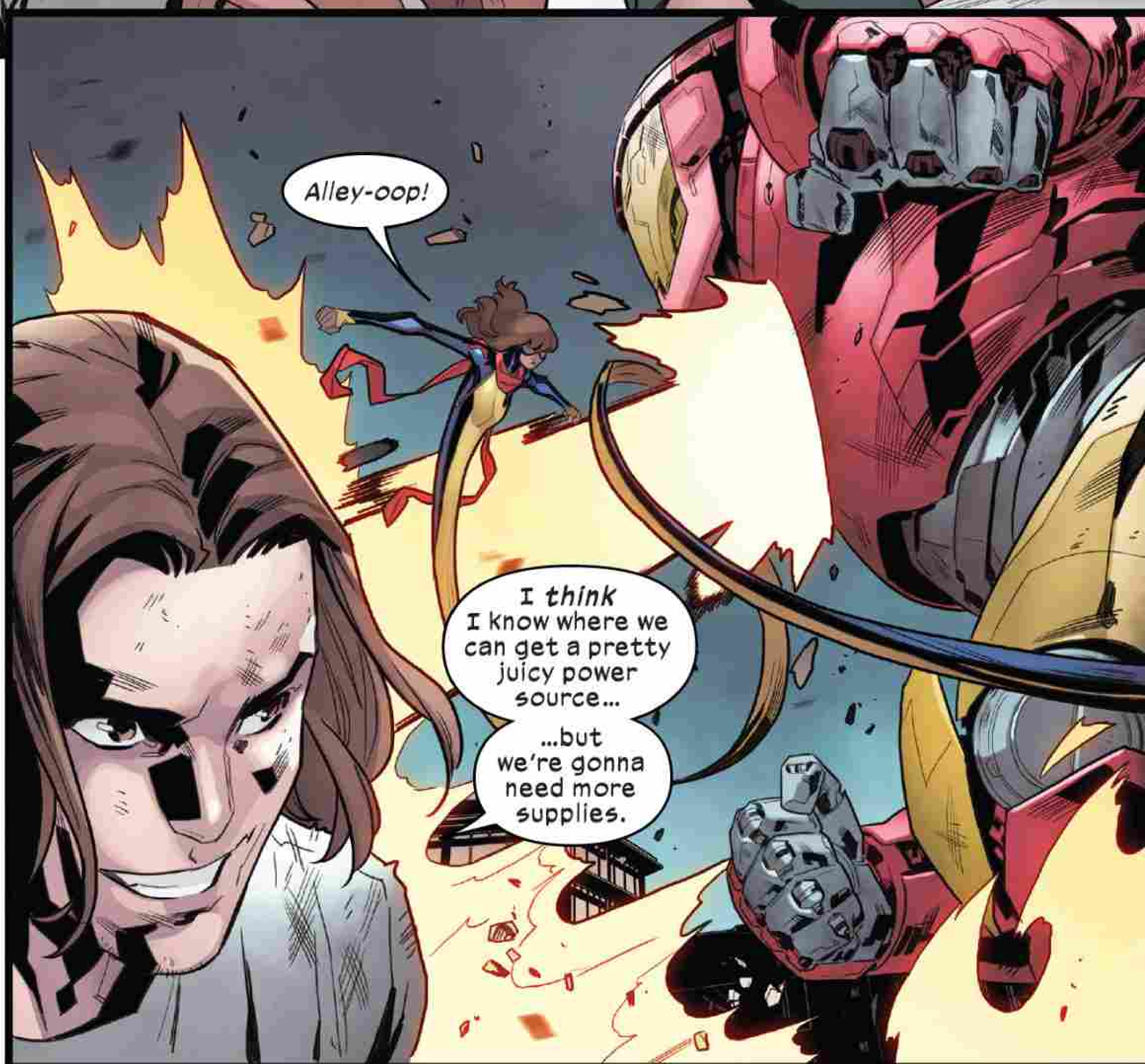
This dude's crazy! He's tryna mimic the power of the sun into a bottle!



WHOA-- look at the size of that blast!

There's no way she's a match for it!

Yeah, the only one strong enough to destroy that thing is *itself*!



Alley-oop!

I think I know where we can get a pretty juicy power source...
...but we're gonna need more supplies.



It's Nate, right?

Um, yes.

I'm gonna need to borrow your fishbowl, Nate.





Ms. Marvel!
Take this!

AARGH!

What am
I supposed
to do with
that?!

Attach the
mouth of the
fishbowl to the
Sentinel's chest
right before its
repulsor
fires up!

It'll act
like a magnifying
glass under the
sun!

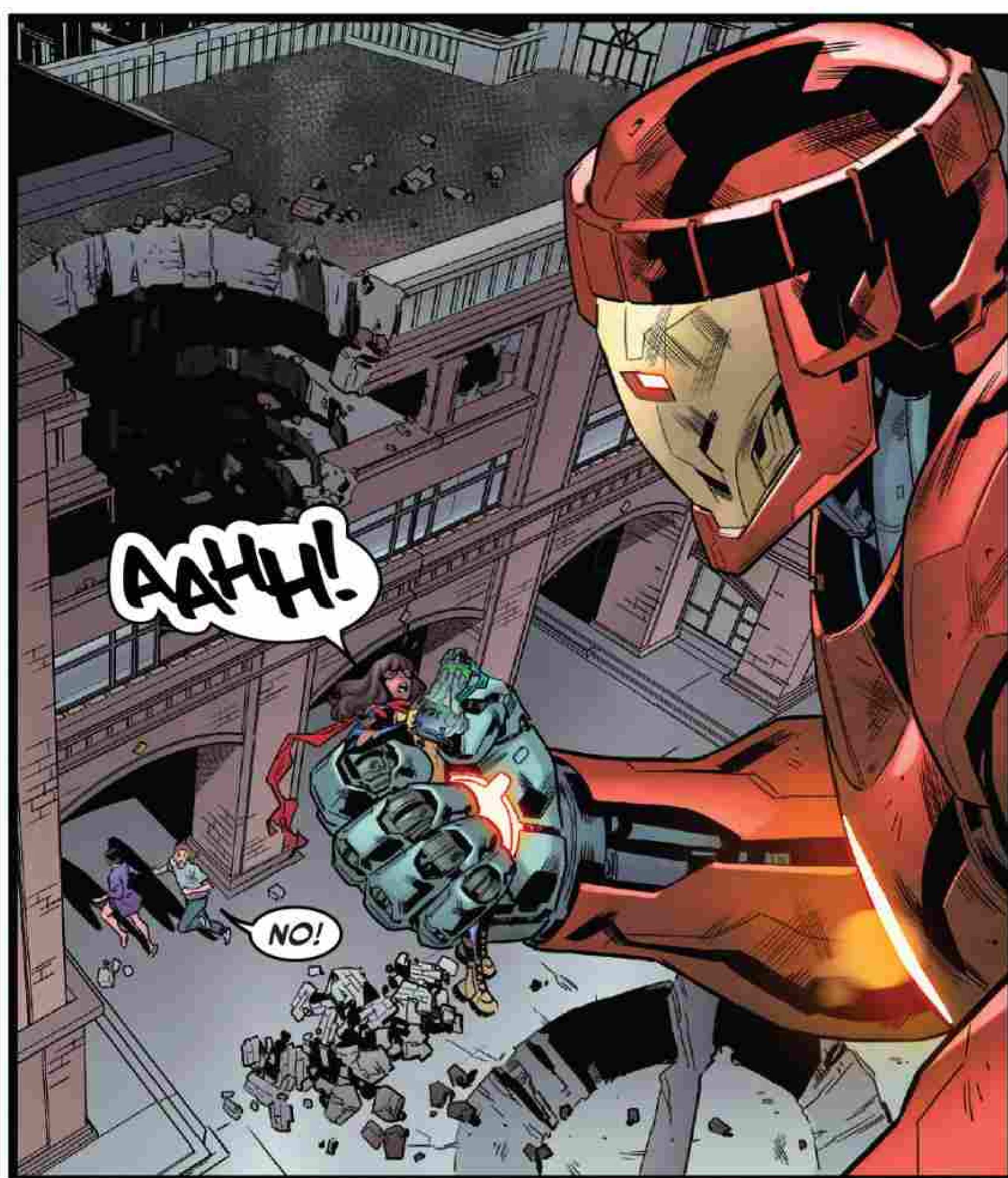
Once it's on,
you'll have less than five
seconds to get outta there,
so be precise and be quick!



Five seconds.
Understood!

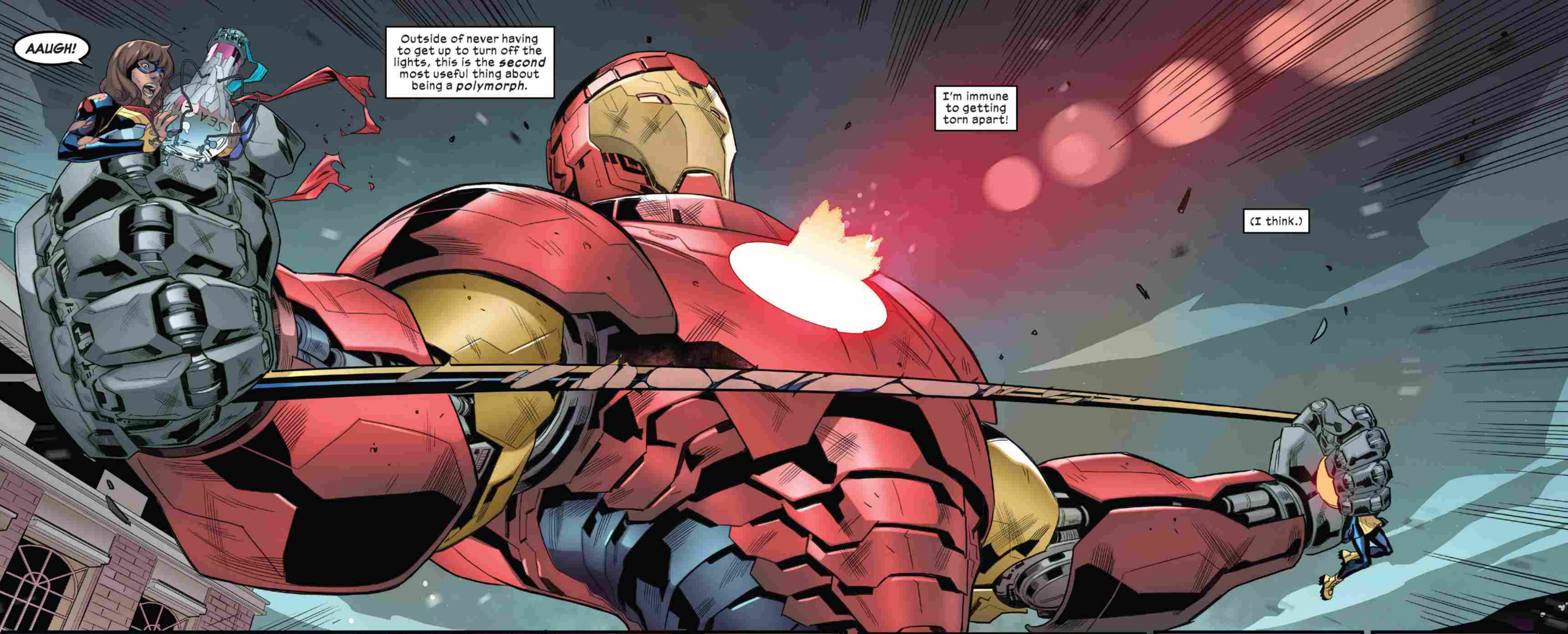
NOW
GET OUT OF
HERE!

You've
got this,
Ms. Marvel!



AAHH!

NO!



AAUGH!

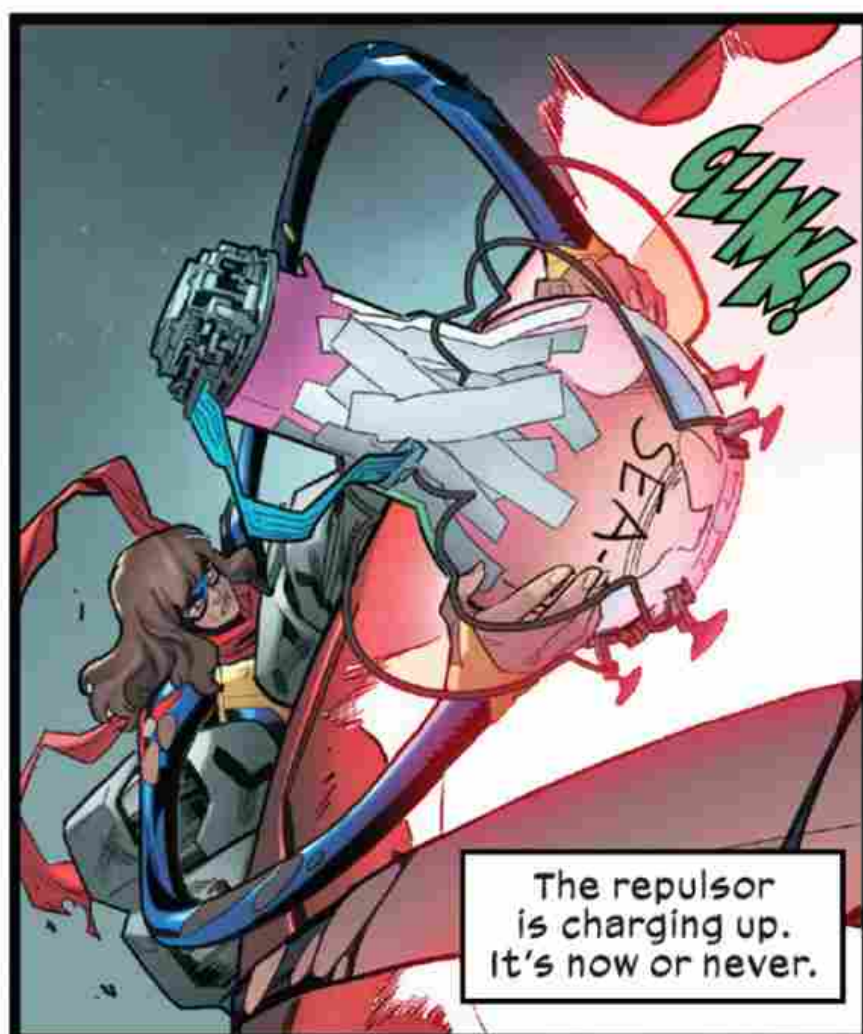
Outside of never having to get up to turn off the lights, this is the *second* most useful thing about being a *polymorph*.

I'm immune to getting torn apart!

(I think.)



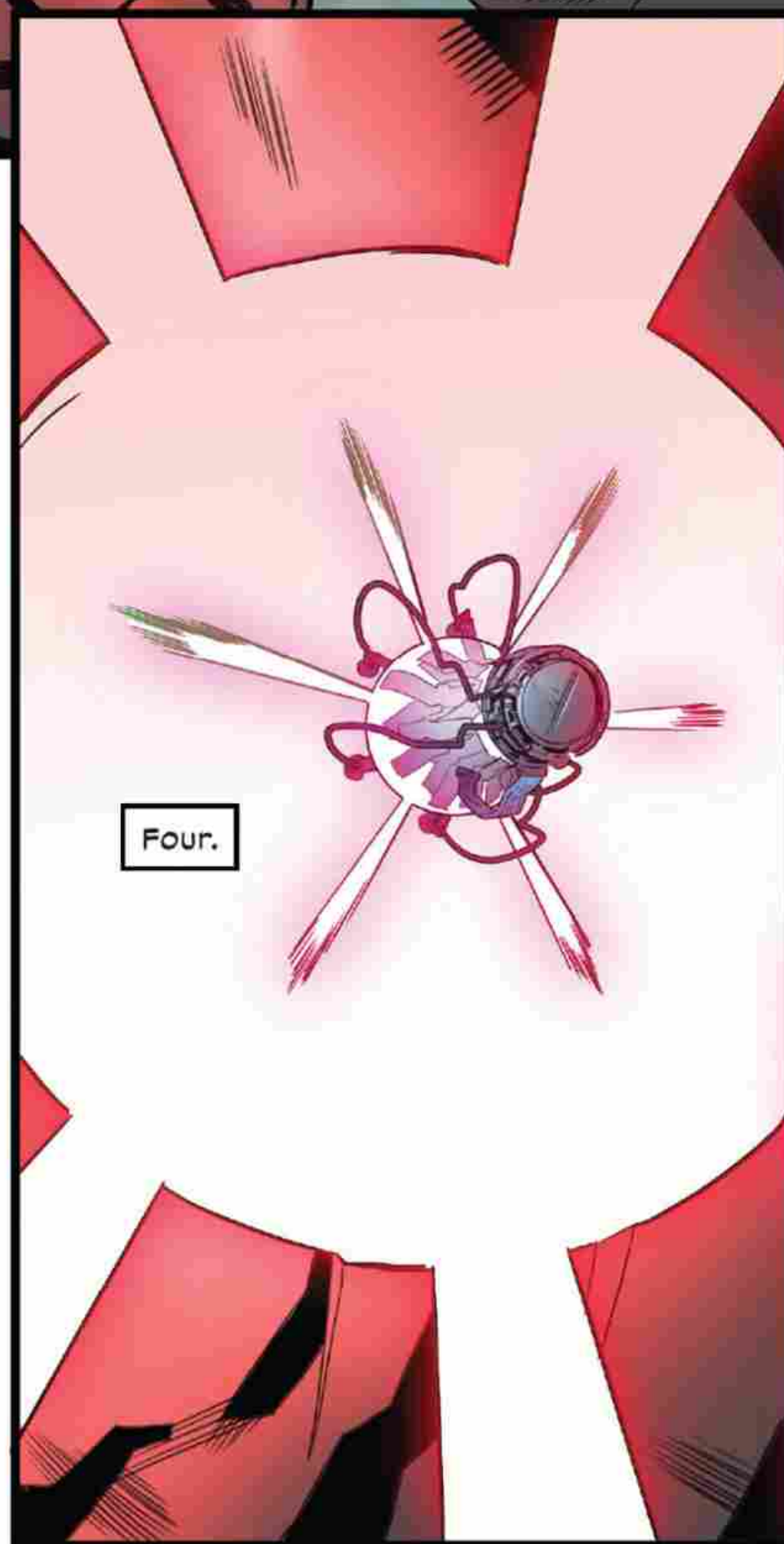
Eliminating mutant threat!



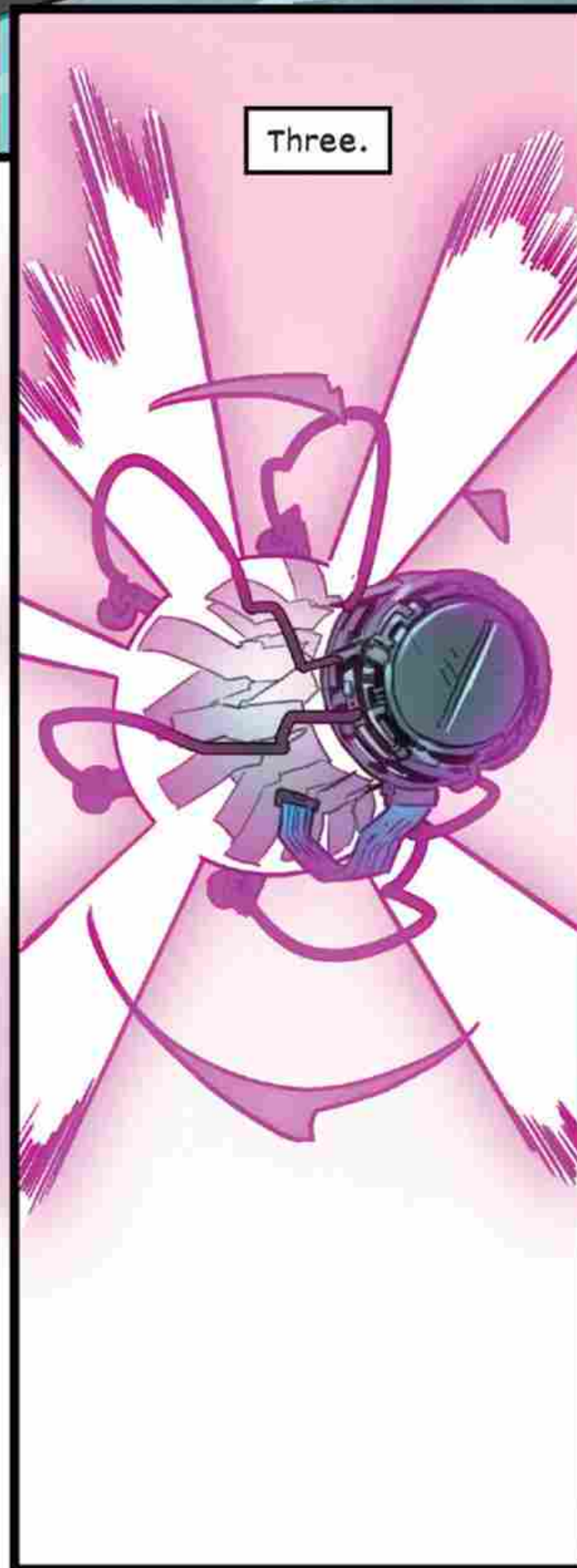
The repulsor is charging up. It's now or never.



Five.



Four.



Three.



To infinity...





What is that?

That's the basement of the science center!

What are all those things?

This was here all along? On our campus?!

Unnnghh...

You...

I know you. Omega Sentinel. You attacked the gala.

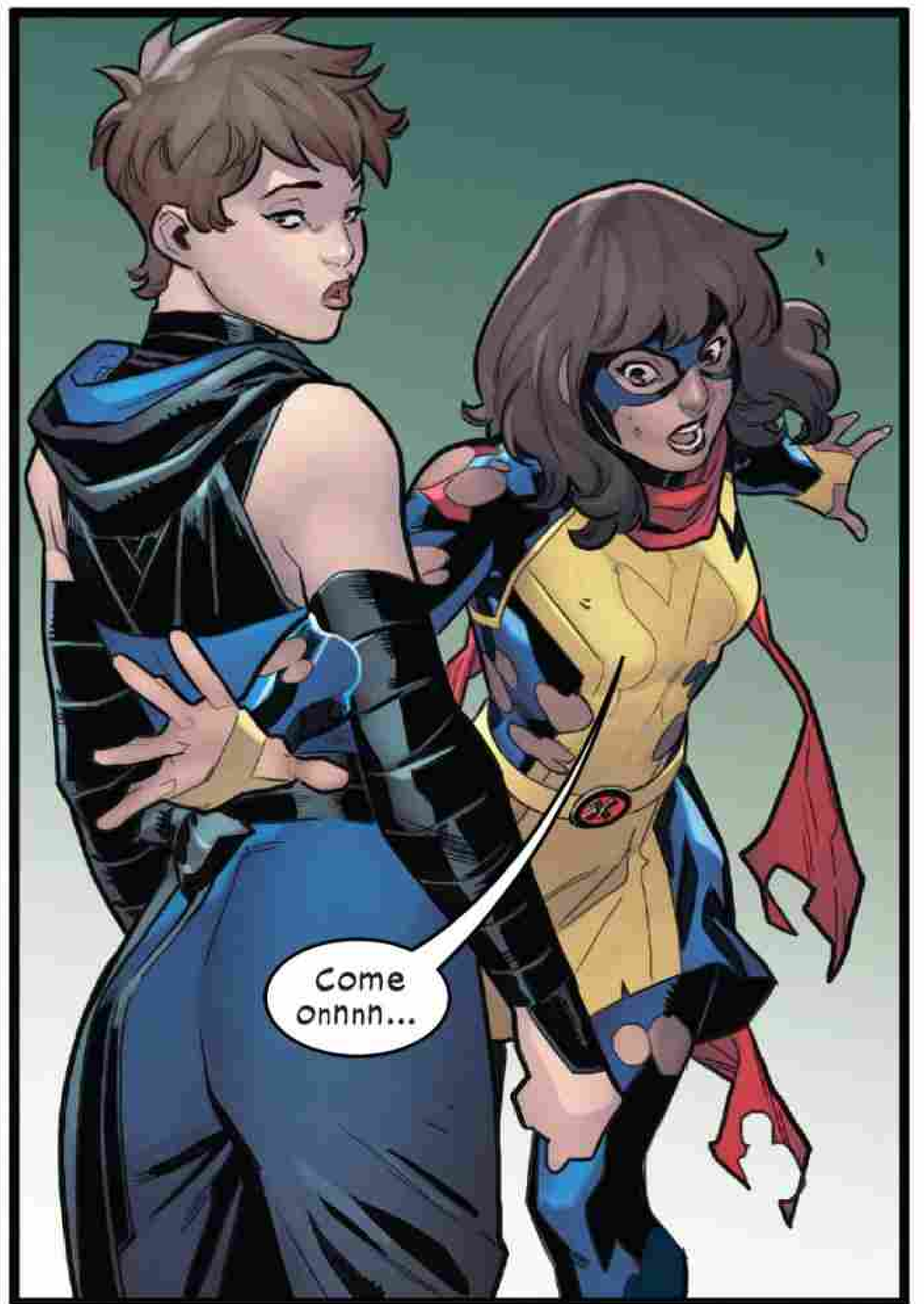
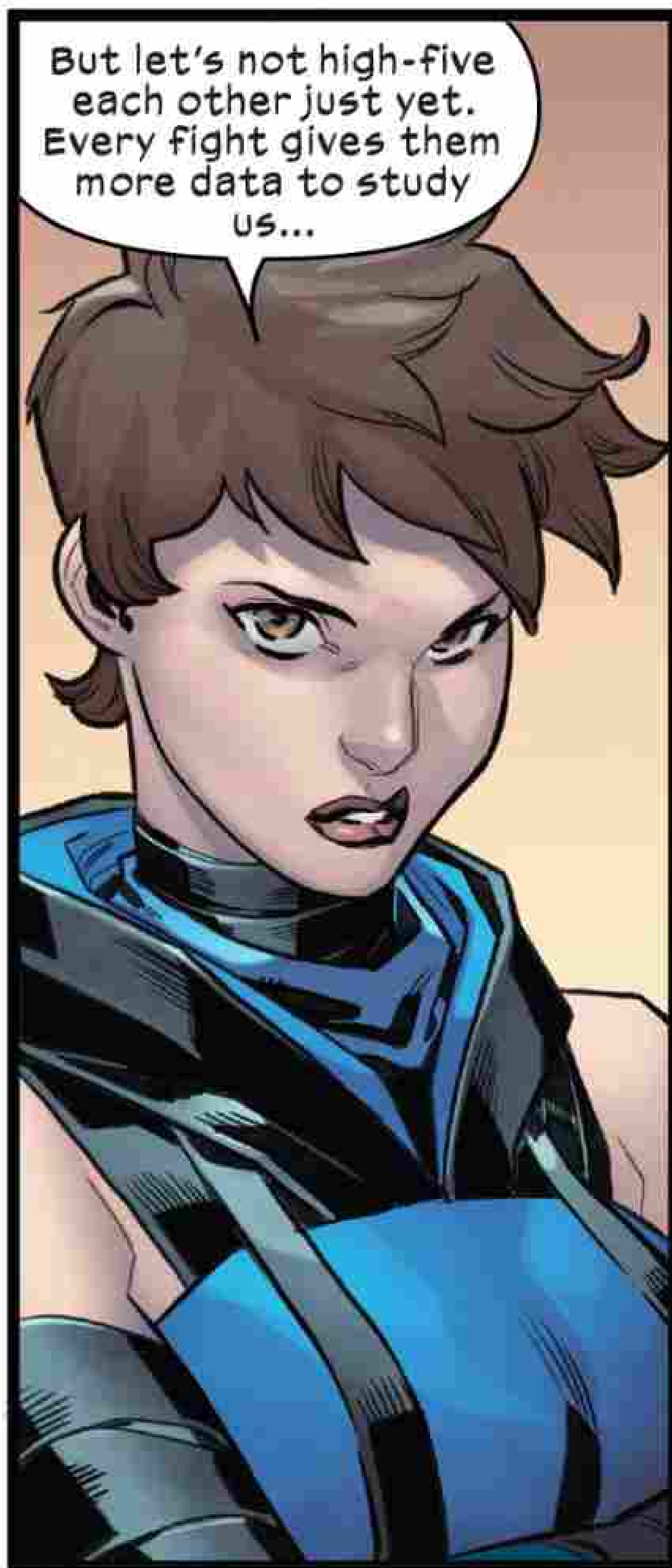
All those mutants are dead...because of you...*

I now understand the hardest part about being an X-Man. It isn't being hated and feared. It isn't being hunted for the genes you carry.

It's rejecting the temptation to fall into hatred yourself.

*X-Men: Hellfire Gala (2023). --JDW





Kerala, India.
Former Orchis
Scientist
Nitika Gaiha.

BEEP
BEEP

Ms. Gaiha.
I had to short-
circuit myself three
times to neutralize
the implants
you built.

TEU

It gave me the proof that
you were the true culprit
responsible for the
mess at E.S.U.

I know how smart
you are. Orchis won't
find you unless you want to
be found. What I'll never know,
is why you let Ms. Marvel get
away. The drones, the Trojan
Horse, sending only one
Sentinel...

...you
went easy
on her.

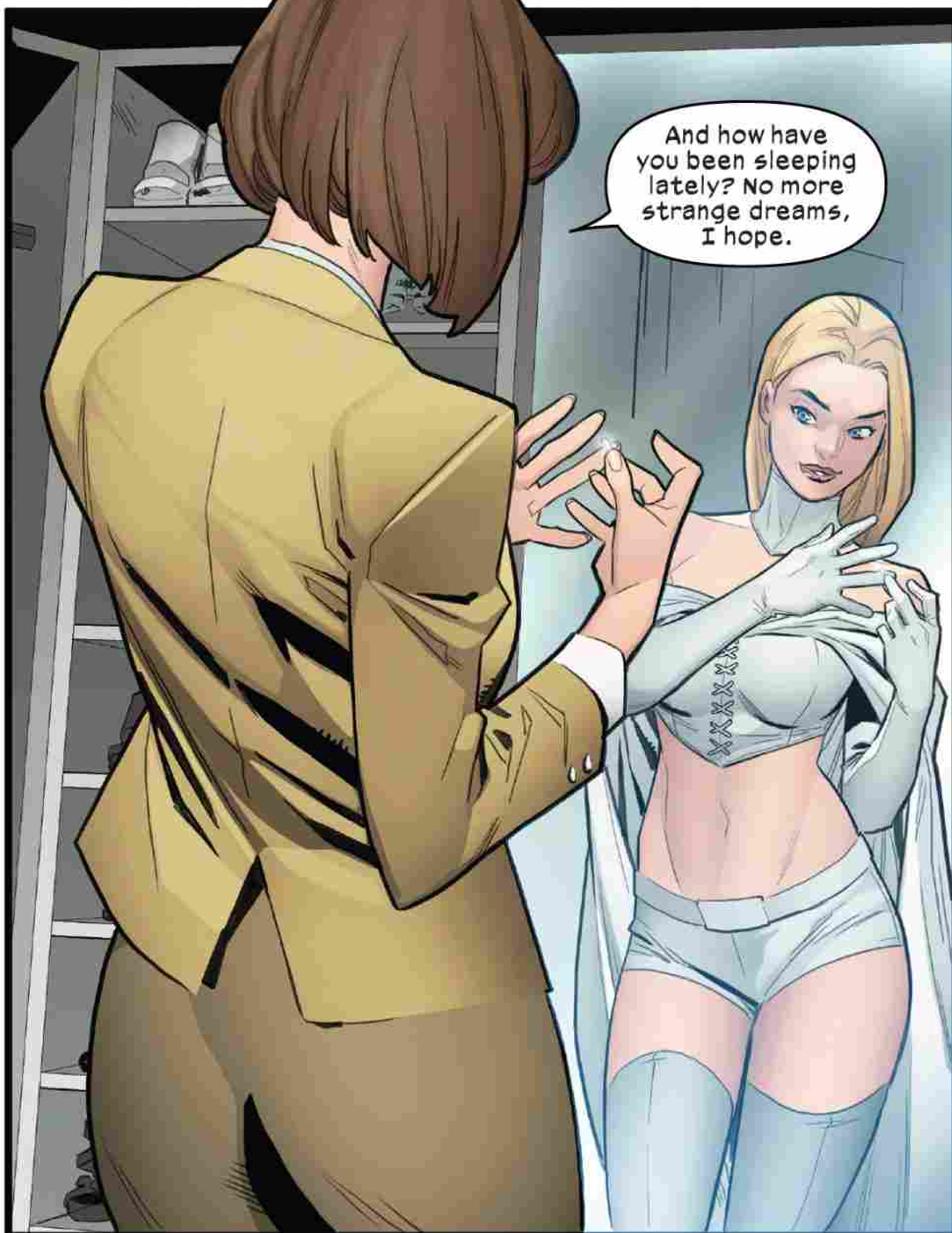
Of
course
I did. I was
testing
her.

Data first.
Extermination
second.

TEU

DNA ANALYSIS
IN PROGRESS

Why crush
a caterpillar
before you get to
see its butterfly
wings?





You had to confront your subconscious on your *own* terms.

I had a feeling you were gonna say that.
How's the fit look to you?

You don't need a telepath to tell you we're all extremely jealous of your customizable waist-to-hip ratio.



Kamala. Though we couldn't sort through your dreams, we were able to conduct a thorough mapping of your mind, where we found something rather intriguing.

My mutation?



Precisely. Imagine your mutation like a flower about to bloom...but it never gets the chance because the branch is severed. That's what happened when you were exposed to the Terrigen Mist. But you've since grown a *new* branch. All it needs is a little nurturing.

The mutation could function separately from your existing Inhuman abilities. But it's equally possible it'll *replace* them entirely. The choice is yours.



Nooo thanks, Ms. Frost. If the mutation activates someday, I'll deal with it. But I'm not going to risk erasing any other part of me.

I had a feeling you were going to say *that*.



A mutual wall-crawling friend delivered this to us recently. He said it belonged to you.

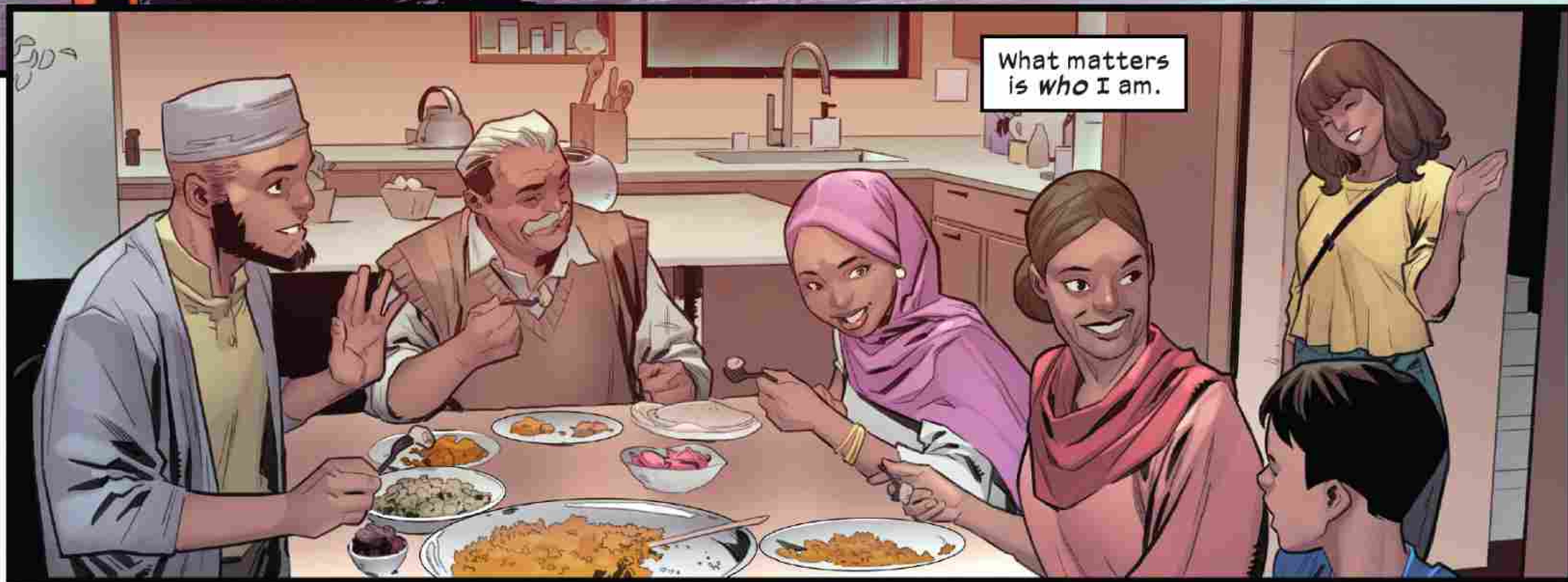


Inhuman.
Champion.
Avenger.
X-Man.

These labels have one thing in common:

They're
inadequate.

There isn't a word
out there that
really describes
what I am.

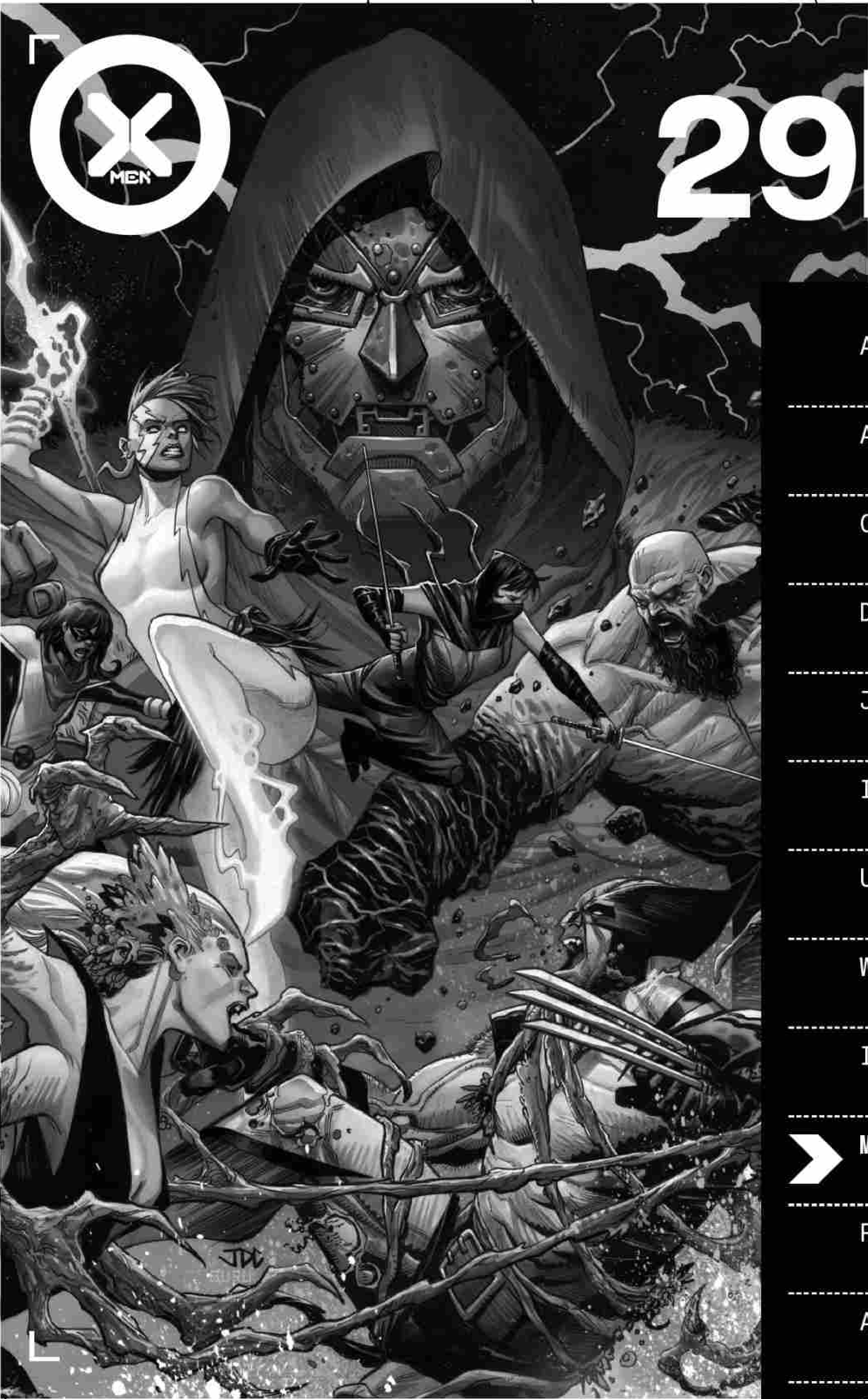


X-KO is MOUNTS

for all

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ASTONISHING ICEMAN #4

CHILDREN OF THE VAULT #4

DARK X-MEN #4

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KAMIC RIDER

MARIKA